

1. A method for tracking prescriptive medication, to address and control prescription drug abuse, said method comprising:

providing respective computer connections to a plurality of entities, said plurality of entities comprising a plurality of both affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies;

5 storing pharmaceutical computer data related to prescriptive medication purchases obtained by a plurality of prescriptive medication purchasers from said plurality of affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies; and

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical computer data through said computer connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a prescriptive  
10 history of a selected prescriptive medication purchaser for all prescriptive medications purchased in the aggregate by said selected prescriptive medication purchaser from all of said plurality of affiliated and unaffiliated pharmacies based on said transferred pharmaceutical computer data; and

generating from said prescriptive history of said selected purchaser one or more  
15 patterns which can be used by one or more viewers of said prescriptive history to flag the possibility of prescriptive drug abuse.

2. A method of Claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a physician's office and said selected prescriptive medication purchaser is a patient of said physician; and

5                   said physician's office utilizing said pharmaceutical computer data to verify said prescriptive history of said selected prescriptive medication purchaser.

3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

10                   providing that said at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a pharmacy with a pharmacist;

                    said selected prescriptive medication purchaser requesting that said pharmacist fill a new prescriptive medication; and

                    said pharmacist utilizing said pharmaceutical computer data to compare said new prescriptive medication with respect to said prescriptive history of said selected  
15                   prescriptive medication purchaser.

4. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:

                    said pharmacist accepting or declining to fill said new prescriptive medication based on said prescriptive history.

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6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a hospital and  
said selected prescriptive medication purchaser is a patient of said hospital; and

said hospital utilizing said pharmaceutical computer data to determine said  
5 prescriptive history of said selected prescriptive medication purchaser.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing that said pharmaceutical computer data for each of said prescriptive  
medication purchases comprises a name of a respective prescriptive medication purchaser,  
10 an address of said respective prescriptive medication purchaser, a drug prescribed, said  
respective prescriptive medication purchaser, a quantity of said drug, a dosage of said drug,  
a pharmacist name, and a doctor name.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

15 searching said stored pharmaceutical computer data based on one or more of  
said name of a respective prescriptive medication purchaser, said address of said respective  
prescriptive medication purchaser, said drug prescribed, said respective prescriptive  
medication purchaser, said quantity of said drug, said dosage of said drug, said pharmacist  
name, and said doctor name.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

storing pharmaceutical data related to whether a request for filling a  
prescriptive medication is filled or declined.

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10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:

providing that at least one of said plurality of entities comprises a government  
agency.

10 22. A method for tracking prescriptive medications, to address and control  
prescription drug abuse, said method comprising;

providing respective computer connections to a plurality of entities, said  
plurality of entities comprising at least one of a group comprising a plurality of hospitals, a  
plurality of doctors, at least one government agency, and a plurality of doctors;

15 storing pharmaceutical computer data relating to prescriptive medication  
purchases obtained by a plurality of prescriptive medication purchasers from a plurality of  
pharmacies;

selectively transferring said pharmaceutical computer data through said  
computer connections to at least one of said plurality of entities for obtaining a prescriptive  
20 history of a selected prescriptive medication purchaser for all prescriptive medications

purchased in the aggregate by said selected prescriptive medication purchaser from all of said plurality of pharmacies based on said transferred pharmaceutical computer data; and

generating from said prescription history of said selected purchaser one or more patterns which can be used by one or more viewers of said prescriptive history to flag

5 the possibility of prescriptive drug abuse.

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